

is opening a new plant which should be operating by mid-1969. One or two smaller firms have closed during this period, but with the industrial growth mentioned, there have been no noteworthy effects on the community by such closings.

An important sign of growth is the dwelling unit count made in connection with the current Maiden planning program. This count revealed a total of 671 dwelling units and 40 mobile homes in the town in August, 1968. This compares with 634 total dwelling units listed for the town area in the 1960 census. (Multiplying the present count by the 1960 family size gives a present estimated population of 2,275 and 1,775 for the town area and fringe area, respectively. The 1960 census did not, of course, include an enumeration district comparable to the fringe area portion of the Maiden planning area.

The school enrollment in Maiden also indicates continued population growth. Maiden Elementary School (grades 1-7) now has 760 pupils enrolled, and records show that a steady gain of one teacher every other year has been added to the staff. This additional teacher is added for each 30 pupils, indicating a steady gain of about 15 pupils per year. Maiden High School grew from 134 students in 1951 to 282 in 1960 -- increase of 111.8%. The present enrollment is 560 students (grades 8-12). Enrollment of high school students only (grades 9-12) is 438 -- a gain of 55.3% over the same grades in 1960 enrollment.

Another indicator of growth is the number of utility connections over the past few years. Water and electricity are sold by the municipality, and the number of connections recorded has changed from 731 in 1960 to 782 in mid-1968 -- an increase of 6.7%. (This figure does not necessarily represent the number of households in Maiden as a connection is listed for commercial